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April 1, 1916.
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Mrs. L. M. Coy,
4620 Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Coy:

Your letter addressed to Mrs. Bennett came to her just as she was leaving the office, and she asked me to acknowledge it and a letter addressed to Mrs. Berry by Mrs. Schell which you enclosed and which, at your request, I herewith return.

We had already sent out the list of the recommendations which concern the societies which were adopted at the Chicago Conference and ratified by the Boards. The recommendation of payment for those who are taking mission study classes or lecture courses in presbyterial societies comes under this list. We are overtaking the list by a postal card notice which will go out tomorrow morning.

Regarding the other item that there be a uniform pledge blank for young people's societies, and that the Home and Foreign blanks be sent out at the same time, it was Mrs. Bennett's understanding that Mrs. Berry and she as the Committee had adopted the amended form as recommended by the New York Board which reads: "That we have a pledge blank as nearly uniform as possible." Inasmuch as this item was listed among the group belonging to the Boards and not to the societies, we have not sent that recommendation down the line, so that there can be no possible misunderstanding about anything that is sent out from here regarding it. Mrs. Bennett still feels that having accepted the phrasing desired by the New York Board, there is no reason why that recommendation should not be operative with that changed form of statement.

These messages I am sending to you in Mrs. Bennett's stead.

Permit me, on behalf of all of us, to express our great joy in the knowledge of Mrs. Berry's continued improvement even though it be slight. We all learned so to love her during the November days in Chicago that her illness has been a ~~personal~~ cause of anxiety here.

It is with deep regret that we learn of Miss. King's illness and we hope it is only temporary and that you may not long be burdened with double duty because of the sickness of those who are accustomed to carry so strongly the work committed to their hands.

With pleasant remembrances I am

Cordially,

Enos.

3.21.16 Answered at Mrs. Bennett's request by E.L.L.

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THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE NORTHWEST

Presbyterian Offices, Room 48, 509 S. Wabash Ave.

CHICAGO

4020 Michigan Av.
March 29th, 1916

My dear Mrs. Bennett.

The enclosed letter will explain itself. Although the New York Board has been a little slow in making this protest, still I think it must carry and the two recommendations fall. This I most deeply regret but hope it only means delay and that future consideration of the questions may bring a unanimous vote. May I ask you to kindly return Mrs. Schell's letter to me.

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Mrs. Berry continues to improve but is not making a rapid recovery. You will regret to learn that Mrs. King is ill which is the reason I am attending to this correspondence. I am writing this at home in order that it may reach you at the earliest possible moment, so please excuse the hand written note.

Most cordially yours.

Alice Wood Loy.

(Mrs. C. H.)

COPY

March 24, 1916.

Mrs. A. L. Berry,
509 So. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Berry:-

Mrs. Waters has been ill so I am writing to you in regard to the Action of the New York Board on recommendations from the Chicago Conference, concerning Young People's Work.

We note that your committee rules that recommendation #14 on Young People's Work reading "that we have a uniform pledge blank for Young People's Societies and that the Home and Foreign Blanks be sent out at the same time," amended by the New York Board to read: "that we have a pledge blank as nearly uniform as possible," will go into effect unless immediate protest is made. The New York Board wishes to register a protest against this recommendation becoming operative.

We also wish to call the attention of the committee to an apparent mistake in regard to the action of the New York Board on the recommendation concerning financial arrangements for Mission Study Classes reading as follows: "recommended that where Presbyterial Normal Mission Study Classes or Lecture Courses are planned, the Board be granted $5.00 for providing leaders for each session of the class, and that for an Interdenominational Lecture Course, $10.00 be granted for each session and that entertainment be not required. Any change necessitated by local conditions shall be arranged by the respective Boards." Your committee records read "Ratified by all except New York and Philadelphia not voting shall be considered in the affirmative." New York voted in the negative on this recommendation and it is so recorded on the copy of the New York action in our office. It would seem to us, therefore, to indicate that the recommendation is lost.

We regret that it has not been possible to notify you sooner in regard to these matters.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Wm. P.) Emily Mayo Schell.

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THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
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CHICAGO

April 1st, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

The following protest has been received from the New York Board:

"The recommendation that the Woman's Board of Home Missions and the six Women's Boards of Foreign Missions should agree to notify each other before sending to Presbyterial or Synodical officers any suggested change of plan or policy in regard to the work does not meet with the approval of this Board, and I am requested to enter a protest against its adoption, till there has been further discussion of the subject."

Signed-

Mary E. Blakeman.

I judge that this was sent after the Committee's ruling had been considered. The note is dated March 15th. This has been a little delayed in reaching you because of lack of knowledge of its receipt.

Most cordially,

(Mrs. L. M.) Alice Hood Coy-

Acting President.

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THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
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CHICAGO

April 10th, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

The protest of the New York Board regarding the conference question- that we have a uniform pledge blank for Young People's societies, and that the Home and Foreign blanks be sent out at the same time etc, was considered by our Board at its last meeting and it was decided that the question is lost on account of the protest. I will therefore notify the other Foreign Boards.

I want to ask you about the proposed meeting of the General Committee in June. Who is to call this meeting and do you consider the Wednesday after the first Tuesday in June the date?

You will be glad to know that Mrs. Berry continues to improve. She is now in St. Louis.

Most cordially yours,

C/K (Mrs. L. H.) Alice Wood Coy -
Acting President.

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Westminster Guild
OF THE
WOMEN'S BOARDS OF HOME AND
FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
U. S. A.

501 WITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA

Answered

April 13th.
1916

My dear Mrs Bennett,

Just a few hours after I had communicated the contents of your letter to Miss Hodge she received this welcome message by special delivery from New York.

"Suggested changes in Articles 4 and 5 of the Young People's Standard of Excellence were brought to the Executive Committee of the Board at its meeting this morning, and I am very glad to report that New York withdraws its objection to the position of "Through the Presbyterial Treasurer" in Article 4. It is therefore possible to report to Mrs Berry that both New York and Philadelphia withdraw their suggested changes and therefore the Standard of Excellence for Young People can be adopted."
(Signed Mrs W.E., Alma O. Waters).

Miss Hodge and I both appreciated the cordial spirit of your letter and acknowledged the wisdom of your position, we feel sure you will rejoice with us that all possible objection to the

immediate use of the Y. P. Standard of Excellence is removed. We are making arrangements to print it at once exactly as it appears in the Chicago Conference Minutes. As the question of any Territorial Board imprint in addition to the heading "An Annual Standard of Excellence for Young Peoples Organizations of the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church" seems not to have been raised we are printing it without our Board imprint.

Thanking you again for your desire to do all in your power to help us attain our desire,

Cordially yours,

Mary E. Allen.

April 14, 1916.

Mrs. L. M. Coy,
Room 48, 509 South Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Coy:-

I have your two letters of April first and tenth. I am sorry that the earlier one has not had a reply before this, but there has been so much confusion concerning the actions of the Chicago Conference that I have had to go rather slowly in the whole matter.

As I understand the matter now the New York Board has protested Item No. 8, under "General Items" in the last set of actions of the Chicago Conference and that this is now laid over for further consideration.

I further understand from the Northwest Board that Item No. 14, under "Young People's Work" is laid over for further discussion because of the protest of the New York Board.

At the meeting of the Woman's Board last Tuesday we discussed the question of a meeting of the General Committee in June and decided that this Board approved the holding of a preliminary meeting of the General Committee this coming June on the Wednesday after the first Tuesday, which would be June seventh. The place of the meeting - New York - has been approved by all. New York wishes the meeting to be a biennial one: that question must be discussed when the group meets, but we feel it imperative that there should be a meeting this year owing to the number of things that have been held over. I should say that you would notify the six Foreign Boards, acting in Mrs. Berry's place as chairman of Central Committee; then if you will simply formally notify me that such a meeting is to be held. We can hardly this year have a proper docket as there is no one to prepare it, but I do believe that the Boards should instruct their delegates that we may vote with authority on the questions left over from the Chicago Conference.

I have received from the Board of the Southwest a slip of paper containing the following:

"CENTRAL COMMITTEE - QUESTION FROM BOARD OF THE SOUTHWEST

"Shall the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Board of Home Missions unite in preparing programs for the use of Light Bearers and Junior Christian Endeavor Societies?"

This I would understand will come to such a meeting of the General Committee. I do trust that it will be possible to hold this meeting.

It is a great happiness to all of us to know that Mrs. Berry is so much better that she has been able to travel. I can know something of the anxiety that must have been on the hearts of the friends in Chicago during the days of her serious illness.

With every cordial good wish to you, believe me that I am,

Very sincerely yours,

B/D

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

1607 Spruce St
Phila
April 12th.

My dear Mrs Bennett-

It seems quite impossible to find time to think or do anything we should or ought to, these days. But the enclosed is a memorial or petition for the appointment of secretaries - Women both as to and petitioned for U. S. and F. F.

The duties of secretaries or deputations - how to include the securing of subscriptions - of course you may know better than I can suggest - this seems a secretary problem - would be very glad to "secure" her.

I can but mention the opportunity of the Southwest Board does not mind to those matters - this spring I shall be very glad to have them for the Publications & handle how she is appointed.

Do you approve of our asking the Board of the Northwest - & Pacific - & Foreign - & programs?

I am looking forward to a conference with Mrs Webb on Wednesday afternoon in regard to our joint business.

Cordially yours

Frank E. Webb.

Do you think we should write to Mr Webb in regard to the matter?

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CHICAGO

April 17th, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

The New York and Philadelphia Boards have withdrawn their objection to the Standard of Excellence for Young People - Article #16, Page #3. It is now ratified by all and therefore stands as a recommendation.

Most cordially,

(Mrs. S. M.) Alice Wood Coy.

Acting for Mrs. Berry.

Chairman of Central Committee.

C/K

April 17, 1916.

Mrs./ L. M. Coy,
Room 48
509 South Wabash Ave.,
Chicagoa, Ills.

My dear Mrs. Coy:-

Since dictating the enclosed letter I learn that both the New York Board and the Philadelphia Board have withdrawn their objections to the Standard of Excellence for Young People's Societies and that, therefore, this Standard may be considered as approved by all the Boards and may be sent out. Will you, in Mrs. Berry's place, send this announcement to all of the Foreign Boards?

I am not copying the Standard herein as you have it in the Minutes of the Chicago Conference. It of course goes as originally sent down.

Very sincerely yours,

B/D

April 17, 1916.

Miss Mary E. Allis,
501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Allis:

I was most glad to receive your letter of April thirteenth saying that the New York Board had withdrawn its objections to the Standard of Excellence for Young People's Work and that it may, therefore, be considered as having been adopted for use. It is a great relief.

I am sure that as we have more opportunity for conference we shall find that many of the objections raised to the actions at Chicago will also be done away with.

Trusting that your Biennial is going to be a very splendid gathering, believe me that I am,

Most cordially yours,

B/D

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CHICAGO

April 22d, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs.Bennett:

A meeting of the General Committee will be held in New York City on Wednesday June 7th,1916,to consider questions left over from the Chicago Conference and to organize General Committee. It is urged that delegates be instructed by their Boards in order that they may vote with authority. Delegates will report at the rooms of the Woman's Foreign Board, 156 Fifth Avenue, at 10 A.M.,June 7th, unless otherwise notified. You will be advised regarding hotel headquarters as soon as arrangements have been perfected.

Will you kindly send me the names of your delegates as soon as they are appointed.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. L. Tile) Alice Wood Cay.

Acting for Mrs. Berry.

C/K

Chairman of Central Committee.

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CHICAGO

April 22nd, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Please find enclosed the formal notice of the meeting for June 7th. Would it be asking too much of your Board to consult with Mrs. Halsey Wood and together arrange for a place of meeting for the General Committee? Could you also with her cooperation arrange with an hotel for accommodations for the delegates?

Since the last rulings sent out by the Committee the recommendations stand as follows:

New York Board has protested against the following: Young People's Work #14 - Uniform pledge blank.

Financial #6 - Remuneration for Presbyterial Normal Class leaders.

General Items #8 - Notification regarding change of plan or policy.

All other Boards upheld ruling of Committee on all questions.

Our Board has acted upon the Central Committee question sent to us by the Southwest Board. As it was also sent to you I presume it is meant for a Conference question.

With sincere good wishes, I am,

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs. C. H.) Alice Wood Cary -

Acting for Mrs. Berry

Chairman of Central Committee.

C/K

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THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
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CHICAGO

April 25th, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Mrs. Bissland, Central Committee member of Southwest Board, has written the following to me: "The St. Louis Presbyterial Society has received in instructions from the Home Board the recommendation from the Chicago Conference on basis of membership referring to the recommendation under General Items, Page #11, Number #3. This recommendation was clearly lost." Of course you know the recommendation was lost and I am writing to know if this matter may be corrected.

Most cordially,

Mrs. L. Berry

Alice Wood Coy.

Acting for Mrs. Berry.

Chairman of Central Committee.

C/K

THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
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Presbyterian Offices, Room 48, 509 S. Wabash Ave.
CHICAGO

April 28th, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

According to Article #2 -b- General Committee- "An alternate for each member if the General Committee shall likewise be appointed by each Board at its annual meeting." Do you understand this to mean that the alternate may attend the meeting June 7th without vote or is she only privileged to attend if the regular delegate cannot be there? Mrs. Pinney has informed me that two members from their Board will attend. May I have an immediate answer, as other Foreign Boards are asking me the question.

Most cordially,

(Mrs. Lee.) Alice Hood Coy.

Acting for Mrs. Berry.

Chairman of Central Committee.

C/K.

April 29, 1918.

Miss Mary E. Allis,
501 Witherspoon Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Miss Allis,

I am sorry not to have answered your letter of April 15 but I had not yet returned from my Southern trip when it came and since my return I have been overwhelmed with work trying to catch up with things and find out where I stand.

I feel that we should have the material on the Department of Associate members at once. The only one that I have to suggest as a possible author is Miss Quinlan and owing to the recent death of her father and her own attack of measles, even though they were light, I am not certain whether it would be possible for you to secure her. You had some very good literature in the Philadelphia Board --- would it not be possible for the one who prepared that to adapt it to the new use? It seems to me quite justifiable if the Board consents, to take the old literature and work it over again to meet the new needs. It just occurs to me that I think Mrs. Gildersleeve of our Board might prepare this material if you desire to have it done by her. I would not let it run until later for I think we should have the material at as early a date as possible and many places in the country would use it during the summer. I very heartily approve of asking the Board of the Northwest to prepare the Foreign C. E. programs.

I have at hand also your letter of April 25, asking me to bring a greeting from the Woman's Board of Home Missions to the meeting of the Foreign Boards on the morning of Tuesday, May 21, --- three minutes. It will be a great pleasure to be with you. It seems to be the hardest year to make up programs in connection with Assembly that we have ever had as so many are finding it impossible to attend. Mrs. Louderbough did not expect to go to Columbus and when I last heard from Mrs. Webb, she had not definitely decided as to how "Over Sea and Land" should be presented. I wish Mrs. Louderbough might be prevailed upon to go or Miss Ogg, who is a member of our committee, might present the magazine acceptably. She is most interested and if she can be away from home, I think would satisfy all. The aunt with whom she lives is, at present, very ill so that she may find it impossible to attend. I will try and learn something definite as to Mrs. Webb's plans tomorrow and if I do, will send you another line relative to this matter.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

Chicago, May 2nd, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I have just learned that the June Conference convenes on June 7th and continues until the 14th. In view of this fact it would seem most unfortunate to have the meeting of General Committee delegates at the same time, as the Foreign delegates would certainly wish to attend these meetings. I would like to change the date of the General Committee conference to June 1st. Will this be satisfactory to you? If possible will you please send reply by night letter charged to our Board.

Most Cordially,

(Mrs. L. W.) Alice Wood Coy -

Chairman of Central Committee.

C/K.

Room 48
509 S. Wabash Ave Chicago

May 5, 1916.

Mrs. L. M. Coy,
Room 48,
509 So. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ills.

My dear Mrs. Coy:-

I have been housed with a bad attack of laryngitis and an abscessed ear and am only sitting up temporarily to attend to some letters from you awaiting answer. I am sorry for the delay - there really is no time to be ill these days.

1. I have referred to our First Vice-President, to take up with Mrs. Halsey Wood, the question of a place of meeting for General Committee on June seventh. As there will be but a small group I think it can be comfortably cared for at "156". The matter of a Hotel will be easily arranged. Word of the arrangements will be sent you at once that you may notify the six Foreign Boards.

2. It was not my understanding that the alternates could attend the meetings of General Committee if regular delegates were present. I had supposed that they would be there only when delegates could not attend. Their appointment was noted only that they might be Board appointees and not women chosen casually to fill vacancies.

3. I note three protests of New York Board - as to rulings on
#14 Young People's Work
6 Financial
8 General Items.
These matters will now go to General Committee for further consideration I suppose.

4. The embarrassment as to "basis of membership" I foresaw at Chicago and mentioned at one of the sessions. The Committee sent out to draft a "basis" brought in one already adopted and circulated by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, printed in its literature and made the base of reports from societies. I said then that the Woman's Board could hardly undo what it had done in adopting and sending out such a "basis" and that should

this be turned down we would find ourselves in an embarrassing position. The action of the New York Board brought about just the situation I had foreseen as possible. The Woman's Board was committed to a "basis" already: this was refused by the other Boards and we are in the position of being disloyal to the Conference. As General Committee will meet so soon can this not await further discussion then? I do not just see how to best adjust it now, and think any attempt to do so would cause confusion. But will you be good enough to explain the matter to Mrs. Bisland, please?

I have not been able to write Mrs. Williamson since hearing the news. Sudden changes have indeed come upon the Board of the Northwest and you have had our deepest sympathy in your anxieties.

I trust that you are to be in New York in June.

Most cordially yours,

B/D

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

May 8th, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I cannot tell you how distressed I am to learn of your serious illness, and do hope you will soon be quite recovered.

As you will see by the enclosure the meeting of General Committee is called for June 5th. I am notifying the Foreign Boards that only one delegate will be allowed to attend the meeting of General Committee. You of course know that there were many protests from New York besides the last three sent to you, and it is my understanding that all recommendations lost may be considered again at the meeting June 5th. I will write Mrs. Bissland regarding "Basis of Membership" as you request. Let us hope that much may be cleared up at the meeting.

I have very reluctantly taken the responsibility of Central Committee Chairman. We have divided the work and Mrs. Williamson is president of the Board, but not Central Committee member. The combination was really too much for any one person to carry. I fear it was largely responsible for Mrs. Berry's breakdown.

Because I am Central Committee chairman I will be in New York. I think Mrs. Williamson will also be there for other meetings. Hoping soon to learn of your complete recovery and with much love, I am,

Most cordially,

(Mrs. L. M.) Alice Wood Coy.

Chairman of Central Committee.

C/K.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

Chicago, May 8th, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

As the date for the Conference for outgoing missionaries has been set for June 7th, it is necessary to change the date of meeting of General Committee. The General Committee will meet June 5th, at 10 A.M.

Most cordially,

Alice Wood Coy.

Chairman of Central Committee.

C/K.

May 17 1916

Mrs L M Coy
Room 48
509 Wabash Avenue
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs Coy:-

I note the meeting of the General Committee has been called for June the fifth. While our family wedding does not take place until June the third, I hope to recover from the effects of it sufficiently to be with you at that gathering. I feel that I should miss so much if I were not able to be present that I will make a great effort.

Since receiving yourr letter saying that there were other protests from New York besides those that had been sent to me, I have gone most carefully over the records. I cannot quite see to what ruling objection could be taken, but it seems it will be wiser to take the minutes of the Chicago Conference and hastily go over them in order that there may not be any confusion or misunderstanding. I had not heard of any further protests so am quite in the dark as to where we stand.

I am most glad to know that you are Central Committee Chairman and that you will be with us in New York. I am most anxious to know who is to represent the New York Board. I suppose Miss Davidson the new President. Unfortunately she was

not in Chicago and will therefore approach this situation without all of that great background.

I am trying to get away tomorrow to Atlantic City but am forced to confess that I am still far from well and it is something of a problem as to whether I really ought to go. I shall not be able to preside throughout the sessions I know, but I shall like to at least be there.

With most cordial greetings, believe me

Most faithfully yours,

MKB-SMB

MKB-SMB

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

Chicago, May 22nd, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I am exceedingly sorry to know that you have not yet fully recovered from your recent illness, and regret that so many responsibilities are resting upon you at this time.

Miss Hyatt's reply to my letter asking that the date of Meeting of General Committee be changed to June 1st was as follows: "Delegates chosen to General Committee by Woman's Board are not free for any date before June fifth. Could General Committee meet on fifth and sixth instead of first. Inasmuch as Foreign Board ladies will all be here could not business of General Committee probably be completed in two days." You see Miss Hyatt did not mention anything about the wedding in your family, and I understood by the telegram that the fifth would be a satisfactory date for you. I am sorry that it is not as convenient as it might be.

I fear I used an unfortunate word when I said there were other protests from New York besides the three mentioned. There were only those three protests after the rulings were sent out by the Committee. I referred to the Questions previously lost because New York failed to ratify them. I am sorry my statement was misleading.

Mrs. Waters is the delegate appointed by the New York Board with Miss Davison as alternate. The delegates from the other Boards are as follows:

Philadelphia- Miss Hodge
St. Louis- Mrs. Bain
Portland- Mrs. Thaxter
Occidental- Mrs. Pinney.

Please take very good care of yourself as we all want you to be strong and well again very soon.

Most cordially yours,

Alice Wood Coy.

C/K

June 11, 1917.

Mrs. L. M. Coy,
Hotel McAlpin,
34 Street and Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Coy:

I have just learned today that you had called a meeting of the Committee on Handbook appointed by General Council, for tomorrow. I do not know whether our members have written you that they cannot be present, but I am so fearful that they have not that I am writing now, that Mrs. Waid is in the West and that Mrs. Hopper is no longer a member of General Council. This change has just been made and it has not been possible to elect another on the committee. I believe that Mrs. Waid does not return to the city until the sixteenth.

If there is still work for the committee to do before the meeting of General Council, have you any suggestions as to how the situation might be met? I shall be at "156" almost any time this week and you can reach me here if you need me.

Believe me that I am

Most cordially yours,

MKB-MJM.

716 Warburton Ave
Yonkers - June 17/16

Dear Mrs Bennett :—

Wonder if a copy of Chicago Minutes / varsity - upon which are cited extracts of various Boards / should not be kept with the General Committee minutes. Jno Stubbles noted that in most of the extracts of June 5 - I incorporated what Dr Pugsley as that reference to Chicago Conference minutes would not be necessary. But, in Standards of Excellence & General Council I did not because knew that would be duplicated in the eventually - Hence, without background of Chicago minutes doesn't things as Greek (Y my People - 14 & - Education III - Publications VIII - etc —)

Start #4 - Pugsley. Standard page 7 has the one when in discussed 10 Lin & 15 Th

find in Synod minutes, following -

"The bills of all Presbyterial Treasurers should close on the 10th of the month." Back or motion. Next sentence reads "Mrs Hodge moved change last words 'to the Presby. Treasurers'. 2nd & carried"

Even tho' on motion, that sentence as desired should have appeared in some form. I do not like "made note" - As to register or plural. Definition of Synod society - had been proxy with Synod Treasurers - I think that was in Foreign Branch' minds - Is not there objection applicable to local societies only? Possibly it should have been in the register -

Under Local Standard there should be #9 - To read "Books of Prayer" -

As to General Council - 4th Press - I cannot refer to Chicago minutes - having not copy - Possibly p 11 of Minutes of June 5

written by Miss Dawson - a distribution of
Page Item XI may come under "c" - Am only
guessing - IV Power is most unsatisfactory -
decidedly needs revising -

Brief Memo Page 1 - I wonder
if you did not wish to state that the
delegates from W. B. of F. M. attended June 5
meeting authorized to formally organize Finance
Committee but "did not feel - etc "2
Sort of balances us up with Foreign appropriations.

Page 3 & 4 Missionary Education -
Foreign Bds keeps affirming "not definitions"
but "standard" / Home and definitions is
used by me in IV for lack of better term -
could think of some)

Secretary of Missionary Education
do June 5 minutes I did say it - should not -

Do I understand by VI 1-5 - that
Secretaries for Miss. Ed. are to push Christ

Classes only - or we they to promote all
study of text books as formerly - Reading Circles
& Teachers Courses & using of text books in
Program Meetings when Study Classes are
impracticable & do not & must expect desir-
always choosing Study Class, [illegible]
Without the words "Program Meeting" or
what would words mean a text book used in
regular missionary meeting - How, to be Sec.
& Mrs. Ed. seems to imply either to be Sec.
for Mission Study Classes only - or to be Sec.
for all varieties of education - not limited
to text books - See 3 - Program Meeting - read
1 - "field & problem" - not book - I shall not
be able to answer questions at Lexington in
Oct. till matter is cleared up in my own brain -
Last Oct was asked in Hon meeting - just
what "Program Meeting" or words would mean.
If was as before [illegible]

Copy 5 - X - *3 - Should like [illegible]

Yours very truly Mutual Life Insurance Co.
and "assumed" at every B'y Meeting (once p.a.)
but has been previously done with respect
Yours &c &c &c Meeting Secy. — —

Sincerely
James D. Hamilton

the plan was originally proposed by V. B. of A. M.
it was recommended June 5 by Supt. Brooks?
(Somewhat after style of XIII - page 6)

XIII - Change of Plan. This seems to be left out entirely in Board minutes -
Note - "in which both are interested" —
(see June 5, pr. 8.)

I. Name - "The General Council" — ?
IX & XI "The General Council" - Which?

Note that V. d. makes chairmen "members of General Council" (with or without vote?)
See VII a. & c. - [illegible] vote!

VII. c. I put names in this parenthesis because c. precedes b. in voting order - & therefore ambiguous - When in fact order I should think, unimportant —

It seems as if a last date to mail nominations to this office should be given - To Assist Secretary. VII. c.

JUN . . 1916

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

EGL

Chicago, June 17th, 1916.

Miss Edith Grier Long,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Long:

In explanation of my telegram I would say, that the actions of the General Committee must first be ratified by all the Boards before they become recommendations. It was understood at the Conference that immediate action would be taken by all Boards represented except Occidental. Mrs. Pinney did not expect to get back to San Francisco before July 1st, and this will delay matter a little. Miss Quinlan is to be notified of the actions as soon as possible. I am sorry that this procedure is necessary if it inconveniences you in any way.

Thank you very much for the minutes of General Committee, held June 5th. I fear they have made your office a great deal of extra work which I greatly regret. It was so extremely kind of you to loan me your stenographer that morning when you were so busy, and had it not been necessary for me to hurry very much in order to get my train I should not have accepted your generosity. I do want to tell you how greatly I appreciated it, and thank you for it.

With kindest remembrances and sincere good wishes, I am,

Most cordially yours,

Alice Wood Coy
(Mrs. L. H.)

C/K

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

Chicago, June 19th, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

A letter has just been received containing the following quotations: From the Annual Report of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Kansas City Presbytery, "The long hoped for combination of Year-Book and Prayer-Calendar is to be realized at last." From "The Quarterly News Letter" of the Colorado Synodical Society, "The Prayer-Calendar and Year-Book of Prayer will be made one, and in the united book the workers of the Board of Home Missions, and the Woman's Board of Home Missions, the six Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions, and the Board of Foreign Missions will be included."

I cannot as yet speak for the Southwest Board, but can for the Northwest Board. We have sent out no communication from the meeting of General Committee, held in New York June 5th. As Colorado is in our territory I am wondering if by mistake some officer of the Home Board might have sent this communication to Colorado. While the representatives of the Foreign Boards were given a certain amount of power by their Boards it was not absolute, and all questions that were changed (and almost all of them were) must be ratified by all Boards before they can go into effect. In the recommendation mentioned it must also be ratified by the Board of Home Missions and the Board of Foreign Missions, and it is unfortunate that it has been sent to the constituency.

If it should prove that this information has been sent out from the office of the Home Board, will you kindly have it corrected in "The Home Mission Monthly".

With sincere good wishes, and hoping that the summer will bring you much rest and refeshment, I am,

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs. L. H.) Alice Wood Coy.

Central Committee Chairman.

C/K

June 22 1916

Miss Florence T Quinlan

416 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers

My dear Miss Quinlan:

I am enclosing to you the official communication which goes to you as Secretary of the General Council. I am forwarding copy of this to ~~Miss~~ Coy that you may not feel that you have to write her. I am also enclosing a note which came from Miss Hodge to Miss Long, but which I think should be in your files.

If I have not been quite clear in all this matter do not hesitate to say so. I have had to do the work more or less hastily and things have become rather confused. In view of the various discussions I am inclined to think that when the General Council meets in September it would be well to take up the Missionary Educational Department again and see if we cannot simplify that work.

Thank you very much for the letters and envelopes concerning Summer Offering which you sent me. I have been glad to look them over and shall place them in my files so when we take up the whole question of envelopes in the Fall I shall have this material.

I hope now that you are going to get rest for the Summer, and remain

Very cordially yours,

MYB-SMB

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June 22 1916

To
the Representatives of the
Woman's Board of Home Missions on
The General Council of the Woman's Boards
of Home and Foreign Missions,

Mesdames Pingry, Waid, Hopper, Hyatt, Quinlan and Bennett.

Dear Friends:

You have each received a copy of the Minutes of the General Committee, henceforth to be known as the General Council of June 5. The actions as reported in those Minutes were presented to the Woman's Board of Home Missions and all were approved except the following which were sent back to the General Council for further discussion and action. They are sent to you at this time that you may be considering them during the summer. As most of you - if not all- heard the discussion on June 13, I add no explanations.

No 15 Student Secretaries

> "Recommend that our field Student Secretaries do not engage in evangelistic campaigns, but that if a campaign is in progress in a college to which a Student Secretary has been promised, the Secretary may speak from the platform meetings, if the Joint Committee on Student work is unanimously in favor of it, but may not actively participate in the campaign."

II No IV Percentage in Increase" page 7 of Minutes of June 5th. Women's Board of Home Missions desires that such Committee 1 appointed.

III No II Definition of Joint Societies" page 7 of the Minutes of June 5th. The Women's Board of Home Missions "feeling that this vitiated the purpose of the original recommendati referred the matter back to the General Council."

IV Relative to General Council the Woman's Board accepted Articles (new numbering) I II III IV VIII IX X XI XII as follows:

I NAME There shall be a body representing the Woman's Board of Home Missions and the six Woman's Boards of ~~Near~~ Foreign Missions, this body to be known as The General Council of the Woman's Boards of Missions of the Presbyterian Church United States of America.

II MEMBERSHIP
(a) This General Council shall be composed of six members from the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and one member from each of the six Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions; These members shall be appointed at the annual meetings of the constitutent Boards.
(b) An alternate for each member of the General Council shall likewise be appointed by each Board at its Annual Meeting. Such alternates may sit with the Council without the privileges of the floor.

III PURPOSE The purpose of the General Council shall be to secure a larger vision of the Mission work of Presbyterian women, and to unify as far as possible the policies and methods of the Women's Boards.

IV POWER (a) The General Council shall consider and make recommendations to the constituent Boards concerning matters of joint interest. It shall have power to act in emergencies if authorized by a two-thirds vote representing equally the two interests involved.

(b) All items on the docket that have been considerd by the constitutent Boards and receive a two-thirds vote of the General Council, representing equally the two interests involved, shall become actions and go into effect.

(c) The General Council shall have power to consider matters not on the docket, and those receiving a two-thirds vote, representing equally the two interests involved, shall be sent to the constituent Boards as recommendations.

(d) All matters requiring vote shall be decided by two-thirds vote representing equally the two interests involved.

VIII (former VII) The General Council shall annually elect a chairman and Secretary from its own membership. No Chairman shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

IX (former VIII) The General Council shall meet annually in or near New York City. The exact date to be decided by the Chairman and Secretary of the General Council.

X (former IX) Before April first each Board shall send to the Secretary of the General Council all matters for consideration at the next meeting of the General Council. The Secretary and Chairman shall then prepare from this correspondence a docket, a copy of which shall be sent to each Board by May first.

XI Each Board not personally represented at a meeting of the General Council may appoint as proxy some member of the General Council.

XII The expenses of the General Council shall be borne equally by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

The Woman's Board referred back for further consideration Articles (new numbering) V VI VII as follows:

V (a) There shall be a Secretary for Publications, a Secretary for Westminster Guild, a sub-committee on Student Work, and such other sub-committees as the General Council may deem advisable.

(b) The General council shall annually designate the Boards who shall be represented on these Committees.

(c) The designated Boards shall appoint their members at the time of their annual meetings and report the names to the Secretary of General Council by May the fifteenth.

(d) The Chairman of sub-committees shall during their tenure of office be members of the General Council.

(e) Each committee shall elect a chairman from its own membership.

VI (a) The sub-committee on Student Work shall consist of eight members. It shall have charge of the presentation of missions to young women students in schools, colleges and conferences.

(b) All committees shall conduct their work as outlined by the General Council in accordance with regulations and policies established by the Boards.

VII (a) There shall be a Secretary for Publications who shall be ex-officio member of the General Council with privilege of the floor, but without vote. She shall supervise all joint publications not referred by the General Council to other committees.

(b) There shall be a Secretary for Westminster Guilds who shall be ex-officio member of the General Council with privilege of the floor but without vote.

(c) In case of vacancy in either office (Secretary for Publications or Secretary for Westminster Guild) the Boards may send nominations to the Secretary of the General Council, who, in turn, shall send all nominations to the constituent Boards previous to the meeting of the General Council.

May I add that I think IV is not very clear and that it will be well at the September meeting to react to the "Powers" of the General Council.

Believe me, thanks,

Very cordially yours,

MKB-CMB

June 26 1916

Mrs L M Coy
503 South Wabash Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs Coy:

I am sorry that we found it necessary to bother you with a telegram relative to the sending out of actions from the Committee of June the fifth. I found after we had adjourned that there was a difference of opinion among our members, some feeling that the representatives of the Foreign Boards had come empowered to act upon all the questions under discussion as these were not coming up new, but were matters that had already been under discussion at Chicago. For fear there might have been some misunderstanding it seemed wiser to telegraph you.

I am enclosing to you now copy of a letter I sent to Miss Quinlan as Secretary of the General Committee. This letter shows the position of the Home Board on the various items that came up at the Committee Meeting. You will see there are still items left over for the September meeting. Possibly I might run over some of these so that you may be thinking concerning them during the summer.

1 It is my understanding that the objection to the paragraph relative to Student Secretaries is not so much because of the thought as because of the wording, which did not seem quite clear.

2 Our Board felt that if the words "if possible two Treasurers" be inserted in the definition of the joint Societies we had really undone just the thing we had been trying to do. We realize that at present many Societies would have two treasurers and we had no objection to their having them, but the objection was to such a recommendation being sent downthe line.

3 In regard to the General Council, there was considerable objection to the appointment of a Secretary for Publication and a Secretary for Westminster Guilds in place of the Committees that were originally provided for. We did not have time to word another recommendation as a substitute but by September we shall, of course, be ready with some extra proposals along this line.

As the meeting of September is for the purpose of organizing the General Council do you understand that any matters to be brought up at that time should be sent to Miss Quinlan before the meeting? We shall not have another Board meeting until the twenty-sixth of September and it would be very difficult to secure action on matters to send up to her in August and I am sure the Foreign Boards find themselves in the same predicament. Shall we simply bring these matters up in September and then let them go back to the Boards for action? I do feel it would be well if all the delegates could come prepared to reword such articles concerning the General Council as may seem to need it, if the intent is not changed. It seems to me that Article four after having been changed a number of times is not very clear.

When I read the question in your letter of June the nineteenth relative to the Prayer Calendar and Year Book I was about to write and tell you that no word concerning this had gone out from our office. However, it seemed wiser to investigate first and I found the following to be the facts: Some months ago requests came in to us from those who had been at Chicago Conference asking what was to be done about the Prayer Calendar. At the same time Dr Halsey approached Mr McAfee of the Home Board on the question of the new Year Book of Prayer and Mr McAfee came to the Woman's Board to know whether it was going to be possible to put this through for the coming year of 1917. He was assured that we had no thought that anything could possibly be accomplished before 1918. But the impression was gained from the action of both Dr Halsey and Mr McAfee that those two Boards had quite accepted the fact of a united Prayer Calendar. If you will refer to the final recommendations that were sent out after the Chicago Conference you will note that the items under Publications refer to the Year Book of Prayer and the Prayer Calendar is marked with a Blue V a red V and a blue B and that on the items it says concerning it that this was to become a matter of conference among the Boards. All of this data had been gone over and the continued requests coming from the field to know what was to be done, the Secretary of our Board wrote that while the suggested plan had been approved it could not be carried into effect during 1917 and that it would be a matter of considerable conference because of the proposed inclusion of the General Boards, and

then quoted the action as our Board had sent it down. The mistake lay of course in this last part - the quoting from the recommendation of our Board. Miss Long added this simply with the thought of making clear to the organization that the matter was under consideration but that they must be patient. I am afraid, however, she had not quite realized that the phraseology was a phraseology proposed by us and not yet accepted by all the Boards. Of course, on June the fifth it was accepted by the representatives but you understand it had not been sent out as the result of the meeting of the General Committee on June the fifth. We have sent out nothing from that. This had all gone out many weeks before, as I say, in answer to repeated requests.

I thin the best we can do is to put an explanatory statement in the Home Missions ~~Magazine~~ Monthly. It cannot appear now until September and we hope the whole matter will be passed at the September meeting so that if we say too much about it we will cause more confusion than already exists. I am extremely sorry that this should have occurred and will do the best I possibly can to remedy it.

I hope your longed for vacation is somewhere in sight. I had expected and hoped that by the first of July I should see my way clear to put aside the cares of the office for a time, but at present I seem to be very far from this. My desk is piled with letters and I have much writing to do in addition.

With every good wish, believe me that I am

Most cordially yours,

MKB-SMB

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

Chicago, June 27th, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

In carefully considering the recommendations passed upon at the meeting of the General Council June 5th, I find that item #4 in the Annual Standard of Excellence for Presbyterial Societies should not have been changed, but must remain as in the original. It was changed to read "the 10th of the month to the Presbyterial Treasurers". I am sure you will see this is a great mistake. It is the Presbyterial Standard and, of course, the money must be paid by the Presbyterial Treasurers to the Board Treasurers. To be correct the item must read- "All apportionments or pledges paid in full in prompt quarterly or monthly payments not later than the 15th of the month to the Board Treasurers". Will you, therefore, reconsider the action taken at the meeting of the General Council and send me your reply.

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs. L. H.) Alice Wood Coy.

Central Committee Chairman.

C/K

July 10 1916

Mrs I. N. Coy

Room 48, 509 South Wabash Avenue

My dear Mrs Coy:

Your letter of June the twenty-seventh relative to the wording of item four in the annual Standard of Excellence for Presbyterial Societies is at hand. It is impossible for us to have Board action on anything before Fall as we have had our last Board Meeting and I could hardly call one simply for the purpose of making this change. However, I would be perfectly willing to take the responsibility of putting this into such shape as would make it a workable statement, did I know how to do this.

The difficulty in using the phraseology "not later than the fifteenth of the month to the Board Treasurers" is that the date would have to refer to the time when the money was <u>sent</u> by the Presbyterial Treasurer and not the date when it was <u>received</u> by the Board Treasurer. Every Presbyterial Treasurer needs a few days in which to make up her books and we have to allow six or seven days or even more in some cases on the Pacific Coast, to get money to New York. If the date refers to the receipt of the money at Board Headquarters it would have to be as late as the twenty-second to the twenty-fifth to make it possible for our more remote places to ever fulfill this standard. If we count on the time when the Treasurer mails the money we have then the dif-

ficulty that she is the only judge of the fulfillment of this item. When our officers talked over the wording as adopted by the General Council on June fifth we felt that this meant if the Presbyterial Treasurer has succeeded in training all the local societies so that they had the money in her hands by the tenth, then the Presbyterial Society itself would have credit. That is, it would be on the basis of a Sunday School class, each member of which may receive credit for attendance on each Sunday, but if all the members attend each Sunday the class itself has due credit as a group. We understood this to be the plan; that in the local standard provision was made for each organization, and that the accomplishment by all the societies of item four in the local standard was to give the Presbyterial Society a perfect mark. If, however, this is to be translated to mean that the Presbyterial Treasurer must have the money to the Board Treasurer at a certain date, that date, as I havesaid, must be changed, as all of our Treasurers cannot possibly have it in New York by the fifteen th. It is not sufficient to count on cities like Portland and San Francisco. We must consider the remote community and small places where postal facilities are not rapid, as well as the woman who has very little time to do the work and who must put it in at odd moments

Will you let me hear from you further, please? I presume we shall get all of these matters straightened out before long, but at present it does seem rather complicated.

Trusting you are having a little rest, believe me that I am

Most cordially,

MKB-CMB

716 Washington Ave.

Goshen - July 10 - 76.

Dear Mrs Bennett -

Did you hear the second sentence - here cited? If it should have been included, I can only - It was in the shape of recommendations the Foreign Boards had drawn up & sent out for our dictating minutes - but I do not think it was read in our home & meeting - Possibly it was -

If it was not mentioning in our meeting - shall I insert it? I shall await your reply before proceeding -

Cordially

Thomas E. Quinton

July 13 1916

Miss Florence [illegible]uinlan

716 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers

Dear Miss Quinlan:

Yes I do recall the second sentence indicated in Mrs Coy's letter being read at the meeting of June the fifth. I am not sure but that at the time I thought this was explanatory, but so long as it was read and it was understood by many of the Board that it was a part of the minutes I see no objection to so including it.

I hope your summer is not being filled with hard work but that you are going to have some rest.

Most cordially yours,

JFB-MB

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
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OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

Chicago, July 14th, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

As the Home Board has referred back to the Council so many important recommendations of the meeting June 5th, I am asking that all delegates,to the meeting to be held in September, be given power to act on these recommendations. It will beuseless to met unless this can be done. Will you, therefore, take the matter up with your Board and ask that this power be given to the delegates from the Home Board.

I am asking Miss Quinlan to agree to September 27th for the meeting of General Council. This will give your Board an opportunity to take action.

I sympathize with you in your deferred vacation. I am going to take a few days in the mountains next week, but my resting time will be very short this year on account of many duties.

Most cordially,

(Mrs. L. Mc.) Alice Wood Coy -

C/K

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

Chicago, July 18th, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Item #4 Presbyterial Standard was thoroughly discussed at the Chicago Conference, and the original recommendation passed so there could have been no misunderstanding at that time. The sole reason for this item in the Standards is that the money may arrive at Board headquarters by the fifteenth. You see the books of the Foreign Boards all close March 15th, and what we are trying to accomplish is to get all the money in before that date. If all the local treasurers should have the money in the hands of the Presbyterial treasurers by the tenth, and the Presbyterial treasurers should hold it and not send it in to the Board treasurers by the fifteenth the whole purpose for which the item was created would be defeated.

Our Presbyterial treasurers are in many cases as delinquent as the local treasurers, and we must put the responsibility upon them to have the money in the hands of the Board treasurers by the fifteenth. If it is necessary to make a change in dates it must be the one in the local standard, for as I have stated the books of the Foreign Boards must close March 15th, in order to give time to get the money to New York from the Western Boards. I feel very strongly that we must stand by the original wording "the 15th of the month to the Board Treasurers", and my Board agrees with me. It will be nice when things are definitely settled and can stay put.

I am leaving to-morrow for a few days of rest but only a few.

Most cordially yours,

Alice Wood Coy.
(Mrs. L. H.)

C/K

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July 21, 1916.

Addenda

Dear Friend:-

The following additions should be made to the Minutes of the meeting of General Committee, June 5th, 1916:

1. Insert "1916" in title. ✓
2. Insert "Place: Committee Room, 6th Floor, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City." ✓
3. Insert under General Items, No. IV, Standards of Excellence, Local: "#9 to read, 'Books of Prayer'" after the item #8 on page 8. referring to ✓
4. On page 12 (no number) first paragraph, after "Home and Foreign Boards" insert "that the expenses shall be travel, entertainment of delegates and expenses incidental to the meeting of General Council." ✓

Sincerely,

Flora E. Laughlin

Secretary.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N. J.

Accepted 8-17-1916

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

Chicago, August 8th, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

In the minutes of the Meeting of General Council, held June 5th, 1916, it is recorded that a motion was made and carried that General Council be asked to appoint a committee to whom shall be referred- Financial #4- percentage of increase. This motion has now been ratified by all Boards. If my memory serves me right the Chair was asked to appoint such a Committee. I am, at any rate, taking the liberty of doing so and hope you will pardon me if I am mistaken. It is important that this question be considered at the meeting in September.

Will you kindly serve as Chairman with Mrs. Waters and Miss Hodge as the other members of this Committee?

The heat we are experiencing is beyond pen to describe. I trust you have found some cool secluded spot in which to rest.

Most cordially,

(Mrs. L. H.) Alice Wood Coy.

Chairman of General Council.

C/K

August 18 1916

Mrs William F Waters
126 Claremont Avenue, New York

Miss Margaret M Hodge
Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia

My dear Friends:

I am in receipt of a letter from Mrs Coy, Chairman of the General Council asking me to serve as Chairman of a Committee of which you are members of the Committee to take under consideration Financial No 4 in the Minutes of the Chicago Conference.

You will recall that it is under the head "Recommend that all Boards ask for the same percentage of increase in gifts." The matter was brought up at the meeting of the General Council on June the fifth and the Minutes record that "Mrs Finney moved that the General Council be asked to appoint a Committee to whom should be referred this question." It is in line with this recommendation that Mrs Coy has appointed us on this Committee.

I think you will probably recall that when the matter was suggested on June the fifth the first question that arose was as to the basis on which the percentage was reckoned. We found in general that while the percentage of increase varies from five to ten percent asked for, the actual increase secured is seldom more than one to two per cent on ~~the~~ total gifts ~~from organizations~~. It was this, I believe, which led to the appointment of this

Committee.

I realize it is out of the question to have a Committee meeting at this time. The General Council meets on the twenty-eighth of September. If Miss Hodge could be in New York on the morning of the twenty-seventh we might hold a meeting at that time, if it were wise to leave our discussion of this until so late a day. That, however, does not seem to me quite the best thing to do and if it is possible for us to come together, perhaps in a couple of weeks before the Council Meeting, I think that would be the better thing to do. If you could think the matter over and write me we might be able to put the material in such shape by correspondence that it would be unnecessary to hold a meeting on the twenty-seventh.

As I understand it the Boards have all agreed that there should be the same percentage of increase and therefore the question for us to decide is the exact basis on which such a percentage should be reckoned. It will be necessary for us to carefully go over the figures and find out what has been their actual rate of increase.

Would you advise me to write to the other four Foreign Boards now, asking them for such information, or do you think we could make a recommendation on the basis of our three Boards. I shall be glad to hear from you at an early day in regard to this that we may get the matter under way, and I remain

Very sincerely yours,

MEB-: MB

This letter was also sent to Mrs. Penney. Occidental Bd
(2) " Pritchett. S. W. "
(3) " Williamson, N. W. "

August 31 1913

My dear Mrs Goss:

You will doubtless recall at the Chicago conference last November there was an action "recommend that all Boards ask for the same percentage of increase in gifts." When the replies came from the Boards this was not approved by all but was referred back for further consideration.

When the General Conference met on June the fifth last it was moved, "that the General Council be asked to appoint a Committee to whom should be referred this question." Mrs Coy as Chairman of the General Council has just appointed a Committee consisting of Miss Margaret H Hodge of the Philadelphia Board, Mrs William F Waters of the New York Board and myself as Chairman. We shall meet at an early date to give consideration to this matter, probably on September the sixteenth. Before that date I should be very glad if it would be possible for you to give me any thoughts you have concerning it. The main question that seems to me to be before us is on what we are to base the percentage to be asked from the Boards. It has seemed to be the custom to ask each year for an increase of from five to ten per cent from the Woman's and the young people's organizations. If, however, one looks back over the amounts received by the various Boards during the past years, it will be found that the increase from these organizations is usually between one and two per cent. That is to say we are constantly asking a percentage to which the organizations have never attained. When the question came before General Council as to the basis on which the percentage was to be asked there was a great difference of opinion.

I am sure we all recognize that the percentage cannot be based upon gifts from individuals nor could it be based on legacies. If we are to base it on gifts from organizations should it not be very definitely so stated and in preparing and giving out our figures should we not all have it generally understood how we were asking for the increase?

I am only throwing out these suggestions that you may have some line along which to make your surgestions to our Committee. It was the general feeling apparently at Chicago that we should all come together on this matter. Yet we must have a practical basis before we will be able to go ahead. Will you enlighten me as far as you feel you can at this time and before September the sixteenth?

With every good wish, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MMB-SMB

THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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September 5th, 1916.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

In reply to your letter of August 31st would say that the Board of the Southwest recommends the same per cent of increase in gifts to missions. We recommend ten per cent.

While we realize that we never have fully attained that, we feel it wise to set the standard high.

With pleasant anticipation of seeing you in the near future, I remain

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs. W. H.) Irene C. Bissland.

"Salvation through Jesus Christ not only a treasure, but as well a trust."

THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE NORTHWEST

Presbyterian Offices, Room 48, 509 S. Wabash Ave.

CHICAGO

Ephraim, Wis.
Sept. 8

Dear Mrs. Bennett

Miss Moss, thinking I was at home sends your letter to me at Milwaukee. It has been forwarded here and now I cannot answer the questions you have asked, so I am forwarding to Mrs. Williamson.

I regret so much the

delay.

I think such a pleasure to see Utah Home and Foreign Missionary Boards are more and more co-operating.

Very sincerely yours.

Lizzie R. Bradley.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

Rm. 48, 509 S.Wabash Av.

Chicago, September 8, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

In reply to your letter to Mrs. Williamson regarding the recommendation that all Boards ask for the same percentage of increase in gifts, would say that the Board of the Northwest feels that the percentage of increase should be based upon gifts from organizations and that a reasonable increase should be asked each year.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. L. M.) Alice Wood Coy -

Council Member for Northwest Board.

LMC/K

WOMAN'S NORTH PACIFIC PRESBYTERIAN
BOARD OF MISSIONS
454 ALDER STREET
PORTLAND, ORE.

721 Halsey St.
Sept 9 1916.

My Dear Mrs. Bennett:

Your letter of Aug. 31st did not reach Portland until Sept 6th and then was re-mailed to my home address. So I fear you may not receive a reply in time for your meeting on Sept 16th -

As a Board we have never asked for less than ten per cent advance - and we usually receive it on gifts from organizations - but very rarely a ten per cent advance on our gross receipts.

Several of our missionaries are supported by groups of women giving $50.00 a year each - this in addition to their regular gifts & their auxiliaries -

It would be manifestly unjust to ask for an increased percentage on these salaries, so I should include gifts from individuals, legacies and specific objects as exempt from this percentage. Whenever we have a special object for the year which we press vigorously, we usually raise our money - but our Societies object to making their gross receipts the basis for a percentage, if their total amount has included a special object -

I fear that I have thrown very little light on this vexed subject, but I shall anticipate talking it over with you, as I hope to attend meeting of General Council on Sept. 28th -

With Cordially yours -

(Mrs. John W.) Flora A. Gass.

THE WOMAN'S OCCIDENTAL BOARD
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OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
920 SACRAMENTO STREET

2830 Buchanan st.
SAN FRANCISCO, Sep. 14, 1916.

My Dear Mrs. Bennett:

On my return from a Synodical meeting I found your letter relative to the "percentage basis" but it was too late for my reply to reach you for your com. of Sep. 16. I am, however, writing just to say that your last suggestion viz. that percent of increase should be based on actual gifts by the societies and should be so stated - is the plan we of Oc. Ret have followed for some years, while we do not

receive from all its amount
asked all understand and
some met it fully.
shall see you on "28" I hunt
Yours Cordially
Laura A. Pinney.

(Mrs. H. B.)

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

4020 Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.
September 13th, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Could you let me know what the objections are to the recommendations which have been referred back to the Council by the Home Board? The Foreign Boards voted unanimously in favor of all of them, and I am sure it would be more satisfactory to all if I could present the objections to the Central Committee members before the meeting on the 28th. I will be in Chicago until the 25th or 26th, and be at the Hotel McAlpin, in New York, either on the afternoon of the 26th or the morning of the 27th.

Summer is still lingering with us, but I hope autumn has arrived in New York.

Most sincerely yours,

(Mrs. L. M.) Alice Wood Coy.

Central Committee Chairman.

LMC/K

September 18 1916

Mrs L H Coy
4030 Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs Coy:

Your letter of September the thirteenth relative to the objections which the Home Board raised to the recommendations which have been referred back by the Council is at hand. Owing to the absence of most of the committee during the summer I have not been able to take this up with them as a committee and absolutely cannot do so until the twenty-sixth of September.

I can, however, answer your question although perhaps not with the definiteness you desire. The first item referred to - having student secretaries take part in evangelistic campaigns. It was felt that this was worded in such a way as to cause some difficulty and that while the thought in it was in accordance with the desire of our Committee yet the wording was not such as we felt would be most helpful. I think we shall be able to present some other wording.

In relation to the definition of the joint societies you will note that quotation in my letter of June the twentysecond explains the thought concerning this. It was felt that if two treasurers should be asked we had immediately destroyed the very effect of a joint society. We should not object to two treasurers being elected, if that should be the desire of the society. The objection was that it should be inserted in our definition.

As to the recommendation of the General Council it was felt that the original proposition to have secretaries in the place of committees was not a good arrangement. It was also felt that there was not a sufficiently definite explanation of the duties of these officers to clarify the situation. For example, take the Secretary for the Westminster Guild, it does not tell what is her relation to the work of the Westminster Guild. It simply brings her into existence without in any way defining her power. It does not decide whether the Westminster Council is to be done away with or just what is to be the status of these matters.

We were sorry to send these back without sending at the same time a definite wording for consideration, but unfortunately they came before us at the last meeting of the year and at the close of a long day when we did not adjourn until five o'clock. It was out of the question for time to be given to them that day. But I hope we shall have very definite recommendations to bring in on September the twenty-eighth. It was not with any thought of embarrassing the work that these objections were made, but with the very definite hope that we might so word them all that there could be absolutely no question as to its exact meaning.

I realize that these are not very clear explanations and yet they seem at the present time the very best I can do in the way of explanations. Believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours,

MKB-SHB

Hodge
Correspondence
re Minutes of General
Council Meeting 7 Sept. 28-
1916

Buck Hill Falls, Pa.
October 2, 1916.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Miss Hodge:

I have not been unmindful of the fact that the completion of the Minutes of General Council must await the appointment of Committees. I have not found it an easy matter to decide on these because of the many things that must be considered - distance, proportionate representation from Boards, lack of knowledge of phases of the work in regard to which the women specialize, etc. I am not satisfied with the results yet, many twistings seem not to improve matters. I shall be very grateful if you will consider this list tentative and make suggestions as to changes pending incorporation of the list in the Minutes.

See letter of Nov. 11- for final appointments.

I. The Nominating Committee by Election consists of -
Mrs. Webb
Mrs. Coy
Mrs. Bennett

II. Committee on Westminster Guild - two separate actions being referred to them -
Mrs. Bissland
Mrs. Coy
Mrs. Goos
Mrs. Waid
Miss Quinlan
(Miss Ogg was an alternate and therefore cannot serve on this permanent Committee).

III. On Methods of Work for Student Committee -
Miss Hodge
Mrs. Webb
Mrs. Waid

IV. On Extension Department -
Mrs. Pingey
Mrs. Hopper
Miss Hyatt

V. To define Study Class, etc. -
Miss Quinlan
Mrs. Waters ×
Mrs. Goss

VI. ON % of increase -
Miss Hyatt
Mrs. Pinney
Mrs. Waters

I shall reach home on Wednesday and be glad to consider any changes you suggest.

Will you have the necessary staticmery prepared? When we can meet I think it would be well for us to make some rather definite plan for caring for General Council expenses, otherwise final confusion may result.

It seemed ungracious, when others are as busy as I am, to refuse this Chairmanship but I do fear you may often find me dilatory - there is so much to do!

Faithfully yours,

EHB/MJM.

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MISS SARAH W. CATTELL

October 5, 1916,

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I have written my Council minutes and left them with Mrs. Halsey Wood to be copied and sent to you and to our Foreign Boards. It is somewhat of a risk to send them out without first going over them with you, but I thought probably it was wiser to send them at once since we want all the Boards to act on them as promptly as possible. If you find any mistakes will you let me know immediately and I will send a letter making corrections. We decided informally that as the Home Board had borne the expense of the minutes of June 5th, Central Committee will bear the expense of these and will you see at the next meeting whether that is the simplest arrangement for the future, or whether they should be put in the budget? As soon as possible I will give you the statement from Mrs. Wood about the expenses of the Foreign members of General Council.

There is one point of which I am not quite sure. In my notes I see new No. XI moved by Miss Ogg, seconded by Mrs. Pinney and carried. My understanding of new No. XI is that it is former X and is in regard to Proxy. That is on page 11 of the minutes of June 5th. I feel quite sure we made no change in it. Do you know whether we made another new NO. XI ? If so I confess I failed to get it.

I shall probably be in New York quite often this winter and perhaps sometime we can get together and do as you suggested about making all these results fit in together and have them unified for all the Boards. It seems to me almost essential. I am happy at the prospect of having this work to do with you this year, although I imagine neither you nor I is anxious for additional work.

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge
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Oct. 6: 1916

My dear Mrs. Bennett,

Just after dictating a letter to you about General Council Minutes I received yours with the names of committee members, and as I am not going to the office for a day or two I hope you will pardon this note written by hand. — I was interrupted there, and now I have received your card making the correction in the chairman of Extension Dept Com. from Mrs. Pingry to Mrs. Pinney.

I think your balance of proportionate representation is perfect, both as to Boards and as to individuals, and as far as I know the women are usually placed on committees where they will be of most

value. I do not approve of the chairman of No. III, Mrs. Waid knows far more about it than I do. It seems to me that the Chairman of the W. S. Council ought almost to be on No. II ex officio, for she knows most about its practical workings just as Mrs. Waid does about the Student Com. And to return to No. III. I have a feeling that as that regular Com. must be made up of eastern women it would be wise to give the western ones an opportunity to say how it should do its work by putting one of them on it instead of me, and making Mrs. Waid or Miss Webb the chairman.
I do not think Mrs. Pinney would be a good chairman of No. IV or a very useful member of it. I think Philadelphia has made more of the Extension Department than the other Boards; and I would like to be a member, not the chairman, of that

committee and delegate all the work to my Extension Department Secy! She is an enthusiast with good common sense and if she is going too far in any direction she could learn it in the com.

Of course these suggestions of mine would leave only one chairmanship in the Foreign Boards, which I would not mind, but it might be a bad precedent. I should think the chairmanships of ~~V~~ and ~~VI~~ could be changed quite easily, ~~and~~ or even I ~~to~~ unless Mrs. Webb received the higher number of votes.

I hoped you were having a complete rest at Buck Hill, and was sorry to hear from you so soon! In fact I took for granted that the committees would not be ready yet and so did not ask Mrs. Wood to hold the minutes for them. I expect to be in New York

October 18th, but as you will probably be there on the 17th I suppose you will not go in the next day. But I shall hope to see you soon again.

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

126 Clermont Ave., New York.
October 6, 1916.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

re Executive
General Council
Sept. 26 & 27, 1916

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N. J.

My Dear Mrs. Bennett: —

Mrs. Coy left it with me to see you and talk over the matter of our Central Committee share of the expense of General Council meeting. I have tried, unsuccessfully, to pulpill Mrs. Coy's injunction a number of times by telephone — it didn't seem worth while to make a special appointment at 156. and, at last, resort to the reliable Special Delivery. As you perhaps know, the "Foreign Ladies" came together this time for a meeting of Central Committee as well as for that of General Council and it seems to them, therefore, that they should pay three-fourths of the traveling expenses incurred and one-half of the expense of hotel accommodations for the time necessary for the General Council meeting. Will you kindly let me know as soon as possible whether this proposition meets with the approval of your committee.

Yours cordially,
(Mrs. H. E.) Alma C. Hales.

How nice it was of you to bring me home after General Council meeting. It was such a nice way of forgetting the street-car strike. I hope you were not completely worn out after all the activities of that busy day. A. C. H.

Waters

Oct. 7, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Waters:-

I am so soorry that you have had so much trouble finding me. We have been up in the Pocono's having a few days of rest having waited until every one else was ready for work before we bagan our vacation. It was however, a short one and now I must leave for Ohio where I go for the Synodical meeting.

It seems to me that the arrangement proposed for financing the last meeting of General Council is a most generous one and will I am sure be satisfactory to us. I will have a definite decision reached on Tuesday and immediately communicate it to you. In this way there will be an action to guide us, and our Treasurer will then be able to make payment. It will be necessary to have some decision as to all expenses as the Secretary will have a good many and her Board should not heve to pay those. There will be stationery to print, postage, etc, as well as much stenographic work.

Most cordially yours,

Oct. I4, I9I6.

Mrs. W.E.Waters,
I26 Claremont Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Waters:-

Your letter of October 6th relative to expenses of delagates to the meeting of General Council on September 28th was presented to the Woman's Board of Home Missions at its meeting of October I0th. I am requested to tell you that the Woman's Board much appreciates the generous offer made by the ladies of the Foreign Boards that, as they were able to attend a meeting of Central Committee at the same time, they bear " three fourths of the traveling expenses incurred and one half of the expense of hotel accommodation for the time necessary for the General Council meeting", and the Woman's Board concurs in this arrangement.

Shall we receive a notification from Central Committee as to the amount due from us? I am yet a little uncertain of prodcedures, you see. And as I had to go to Ohio I do not feel that I have gotten hold of General Council as thoroughly as I shall wish to do. The Chairmanship was sprung on me so suddenly that I was not prepared in any way to take it over.

Please believe that we feel that the "Foreign ladies" are acting most generously and we are most appreciative.

Very cordially yours,

October 19 1916

Miss Margaret E Hodge
501 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mi s Hodge:

I am afraid you think that already I am to be a very bad Chairman of General Council. The Ohio trip threw my work back and I have a solutely not had time to give attention to these matters until now.

I would have been very glad to have seen you when in New York yesterday as it would have been so much more satisfactory to have talked over the questions that are arising, but it was quite impo si le for me to go to town as I had already planned for guests at home. I hope you are coming over before long and at a time when it is possi le for us to meet.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions has reported favorably and without any changes upon the matters sent in from General Council. Is it your understanding that when two-thirds of the Boards have thus acted favorably you, as Secretary, will send word to the seven Boards that such matters have received a favorable vote and immediately become of effect, calling attention also to any matters that have failed to receive the required number of votes and that, therefore, are set aside? This is my understanding although I believe that in such matters the Foreign Boards have been instructed.. As we are yet in a complicated state owing to things being laid over from the Chicago Conference it seems safe at this time at least to make report very fully to the Boards. I had hoped this week to have time to go over all the items from the Chicago Conference and note the final disposition of each, but it has been impossible. So soon as that can be done will

it be wise to have it verified and send copies to each Board in order that we may have no misunderstanding?

The Woman's Board of Home Missions feels that Central Committee has been more than generous in the financial adjustments for the meeting of September the twenty-eighth. I am not quite certain as to the best way to adjust the Budget for General Council. Can we leave that until there is an opportunity to talk it over? My own judgment is that if there could be drawn a sum that could be deposited with the ecretary of the Council for running expenses, leaving the expenses of travel and entertainment at times of meetings as a separate item it would be the simplest plan. Meanwhile it will be necessary for you to have some expenses in providing stationery and the like, and such bills will, I uppose, be divided equally. I can O K the half that belongs to the Woman's Board of Home Missions and I suppose you can adjust this with Central Committee. Such expenses should not wait until next June. If satisfactory to the members of Central Committee we are satisfied as to the adjustment concerning the preparation of the Minutes of September twenty-eighth. I rather think they should eventually go into the budget.

I note in your letter of October the fifth you speak of "a new No XI moved by Miss Ogg and seconded by Mrs Pinney and carried. My understanding of new No XI is that it is former X and is in regard to proxy." I think the complication has arisen there because of the combination of Articles V, VI and VII into Articles V and VI. All the following Articles have been lowered one and the "new XI" is the one referring to expenses of General Council and reads :"the expenses of General Council shall be borne equally by the Home and Foreign Boards, such expenses being travel, entertain ent of delegates and expenses indidental to the meeting of General Council." That is the wording that I have but it is, of course, very awkward. By the change in numbering owing to the consolidation of the three Articles into two noted above former No XI referring to "proxy" becomes No X. I think this will be

clear when all the Articles relating to General Council have been collated..

I do not understand why Miss Ogg moved and Mrs Pinney seconded any question relative to this New XI as it had already been passed on June the fifth and will be found on page twelve of Minutes of that date, and the correction will be found in Miss Quinlan's letter of July twenty-first. If you consider this satisfactory my judgment would be that no attention need be called to this matter in the Minutes of September the twenty-eighth for the final collated actions will show it.

I was very glad to have you write so fully concerning the Committees that are to be appointed. I do not feel we have authority to add to these Committees any who are not definitely members of General Council, although I should understand that General Council Committees may informally associate with themselves such Board women or officers as they may feel would be helpful in carrying on the work. I should be very glad if you would hold the Chairmanship of the Student Committee. Mrs Paid does, of course, know the work very thoroughly but on the other hand, as Chairman of the Joint Committee she is too closely connected with it to be the Chairman of a Committee of General Council which is to consider readjustments in the work. I have placed her on the Committee as I thought her experience would be helpful. Mrs Harris has been so closely connected with the work of the Student Committee that the Philadelphia Board must be in touch with the situation and as perplexing problems are bound to arise I should feel very comfortable to have your guiding hand at the helm there.

We might drop Mrs Webb from the Student Committee and place there a Western woman, but I am a little afraid that I do not know who to select unless it be Mrs Bissland as Mrs Coy is already on two other Committees and the other women are not in close touch with the situation. Would you approve the substitution of Mrs

Bisland for Mrs Webb?

As indicated above I cannot appoint Miss Allis on the Westminster Guild Committeebut I do trust the Committee will make use of her information.

I was much perplexed concerning the Committee on Extention Departments. I do not want the Western Women to feel that we in the East are usurping all the positions and yet I know it is going to be most difficult to get work done if the Chairmen are on the Coast. I rather gained the impression that Mrs Pinney felt this a little. I also feel concerning that Committee that the Western Women are the ones who are using the Extention Department in ways that have not been approved by the Chicago Conference. I feel so strongly that you should not be taken from the Student Committee that I am a little puzzled just how best to arrange it. The matter might be adjusted in order to keep all the balances correct by making Mrs Waters Chairman of the Study Class Committee and making Mrs Hopper the Chairman of the Extention Department Committee and substituting you for Mrs Pinney, or by simply adding your name and leaving her on it. Such an adjustment would leave Committees I, II and III stand as they are; would make IV Extention Department, Mrs Hopper, Mrs Pinney, Miss Hyat; would make Committee V, Study Class etc, Mrs Waters, Mrs Goss, Miss Quinlan; and would leave Committee VI as it stands. Will such an arrangement work out, with the possibility that Mrs Bisland be substituted for Mrs Webb on Committee III. I shall not consider these adjustments final until I have heard from you again concerning them. As people will have the whole season in which to work and as it is an equally busy time I do not believe anything will be injured by waiting until we are very clear on this whole matter.

I have dictated this letter with so many interruptions that I am not sure it will be clear to you. I go to Atlantic City next Wednesday for the meeting of the Executive Commission and will be there until sometime on Thursday. I note this as it may be you will go over at the same time.

Faithfully yours,

MKB-SMB

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

126, Claremont Ave. New York.
Oct. 20-1916.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Ave. New York.
My Dear Mrs. Bennett:—

Your letter of October 14th. in reply to mine relative to expenses of delegates to the meeting of General Council is at hand. You ask whether the Home Board will receive a notification from Central Committee as to the amount due and this matter I have referred to Mrs. Coy who will doubtless communicate with you concerning it.

Very cordially yours.
(Mrs. H. E.) Anna C. Yates.

At the Synodical meeting at Paterson, last week, I urged the Extension Dept., as I do with my own Home Secretaries' Dept. I wish we might try it in country districts as a means of keeping up the societies in the winter.
A. C. Y.

October 30 1916

Miss Margaret L Hodge
501 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Miss Hodge:

I am following my letter of October the nineteenth with another trying to cover all the matters relating to General Council on which I did not touch in the former letter.

In that letter of the nineteenth I said that I understood when you had heard from the seven Boards you would notify all of them of the replies received. While it is possible this was not necessary I do feel it to be desirable. I think some of the Foreign Boards have already sent the recommendations down the line and I should be glad to know whether you feel that we must wait if one Board is much delayed in getting in its replies.

I suppose you see the Minutes of the Joint Student Committee and if so you have noted in the Minutes of October the eleventh the following:

> "Mrs Harris moved that the Joint Committee ask of General Council that the sub-committee, which shall define the work of the Joint Committee, be asked to confer with the Joint Committee in regard to the methods of work; that the Joint Committee also asks that it be sent complete records of the actions of General Council in regard to the Student Work. Miss Hallock seconded the motion and it was carried."

Mrs Harris gave me to understand when I saw her at Buck Hill that they would not receive from any Board a report of an action of the General Council, but desired that such should be sent to them from the Secretary of General Council.

Pending a readjustment of the form of work with that Committee do you understand that you report to them or that you report to the Boards who in turn

report to them? Personally I think the former method is much more simple and I should suppose that no Board would object. I should be glad to know what method you feel is desirable. In case the former is the one chosen it would apply, would it not, also to the Westminster Guild Council?

Have you been able as yet to do anything toward readjusting the Minutes of the Chicago Conference so that they are absolutely correct to date? If not I think I shall try some time this week to put them in shape.

I am waiting also to hear from you as to the suggestion concerning the appointment of Committees and I should be glad to get these out at an early date.

One more question: What do you consider to be the relation of the Woman's Department of the Board for Freedmen to General Council? As this body has very definite connection through its Secretaries with our organization and as our organizations are increasingly joint, should that body have a representation in General Council either with or without vote, being there at least for the purpose of information.

When will you be in New York again? I am very anxious to talk over some of these matters. If you think we could adjust them better by personal conversation I shall be glad to go to Philadelphia although I could not do this until Monday, November the sixth.

Believe me that I am

Very cordially yours,

MKB-SMB

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November 2, 1916.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I have been studying your letters of October 2d, 19th and 30th, in regard to the personnel of the Committees. I agree with you that we have no authority to add to these Committees any who are not members of General Council. Do you think it would be proper in sending out the lists of the Committees to ask the Chairmen to consult certain individuals who are authorities on these subjects, such as the Chairman of the Student Committee and the Chairman of the W. G. Council, or the Secretary in the several Boards for the subjects on which they are to report. I hesitate very much to take the Chairmanship of the Committee on Student Work, but if after mature consideration you still think it wise, I will do so. I think it would not be wise to make Mrs. Waid the Chairman, but that she should be on it. Mrs. Webb would be very valuable and I do not like to have her taken off of it, but I do believe it would be very wise to have a western woman because I am quite sure there is a certain amount of feeling in the west that they do not have enough say about it. They realize the necessity for the members of the Joint Committee to be eastern women, but if we could put a western woman on I think it would be valuable.

How would it do to have that Committee consist of four members and put Mrs. Bissland on also, as you suggest ? I think it would be a good plan to make Mrs. Hopper Chairman of the Extension Department Committee and leave that Committee with the three members, then make Mrs. Waters Chairman of the Committee to define study classes, etc. I have just been reading an admirable leaflet of the Home Board that defines all these organizations in a way that I should think would be perfectly satisfactory, though I have not consulted our Educational Secretary. This would accept all your suggestions in the letter of October 19th, except that I suggest increasing the Committee on Student Work.

It is my understanding that all the members of General Council went to the meeting with authority to vote, the exceptions being the Home Board and Philadelphia Board. I am not positive of this and I agree with you that we should at this time make very full reports to the Boards. Philadelphia has accepted all the recommendations and has made no changes at all, so I believe that since the Home Board has done the same, everything has carried.

We have printed all the Standards of Excellence and I enclose a sample of each, but we have sent out no other decisions. I am hoping to-day to go over all the items from the Chicago Conference and if you are doing the same we can then compare notes. I find that I have an engagement in New York for Wednesday, November 8th, and I agree with you it would

be very valuable for us to have a talk. Since I am to be there it hardly seems necessary for you to come over here on the 6th. I do not yet know whether my meeting it to be in the morning or afternoon of Wednesday. I will let you know as soon as possible and can stay over until Thursday morning if Wednesday will not suit. If neither of these days will suit you, and Monday the 6th would be better I should be delighted to see you at any time that is convenient, and hope you can lunch with me. When we have straightened out these decisions I think we should send copies to each Board in order that we should have no misunderstanding. Central Committee felt that we were only just in regard to the financial adjustments for the meeting of September 28th. I think your plan for the budget is wise; perhaps we can settle that when we meet. Thank you for the explanation about new No. XI. I must have made a mistake in my notes.

I have received the minutes of the Joint Student Committee and see no objection to their request that we send to them a report of the action of General Council. I think it is wise for the Secretary of General Council to send word to the Chairmen of all Committees and to the Secretaries of actions taken affecting them, in addition to the full report which is sent to each Board. I had not thought of the relation of the Woman's Department of the Board of Freedmen to General Council. Can we leave that until the next meeting of General Council and have the Home Board bring in a definite recommendation at that time?

I have not forgotten about the stationery, but wanted to consult you as to the exact wording.

Should the request to the United Society of Christian Endeavor for twelve missionary meetings be written by you or by me, or signed by us both ?

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

November 4th, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Thank you very much for your prompt reply to my letter of inquiry. I am glad there is no misunderstanding between the Boards regarding the manner of sending out the recommendations. It was understood that the delegates from the Foreign Boards came to the meeting of General Council with power to act on the questions to be sent to Synodical officers and therefore those questions could be sent out immediately after the Council meeting and I think all of our Synodical officers had the recommendations for the Synodical meetings.

Just a personal word. Won't you please have a photograph taken that looks like you? It seems such a shame to have a good looking woman so terribly caricatured. Otherwise I think the current issue of Home Mission Monthly perfectly splendid and extremely interesting.

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs. L. M.) Alice Wood Coy -

Council member for Northwest Board.

November 11 1916

Miss Margaret E Hodge
319 South 41st treet
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Miss Hodge:

According to the Minutes of General Council September the twenty-eighth certain committees were to be appointed by the Chairman. The following have been named and I shall be glad if you will notify them of their appointment. It might be well in sending out notifications to call attention to the Nominating Committee that was elected at the meeting as follows:

Mrs Webb, Chairman Mrs Coy Mrs Bennett

The other Committees are

Committee on Westminster Guild:
Mrs Bissland Mrs Coy Mrs Godd Mrs Waid
Miss Quinlan

Committee on Methods of Work for Student Committee:
Miss Hodge Mrs Webb Mrs Waid Mrs Bissland

Committee on Extension Department:
Mrs Hopper Mrs Pinney Miss Hyatt

Committee to Define Study Class, etc:
Mrs Waters Mrs Goss Miss Quinlan

Committee on Precentage of Increase:
Miss Hyatt Mrs Pinney Mrs Waters

I am
Very sincerely yours

KB-SMB

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November 13, 1916.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

The following additions should be made to the Minutes of General Council, September 28, 1916.

1. Page 4, new VIII, former IX, should read: "General Council shall meet annually in or near New York City between May 15th and June 15th, the exact date to be settled by Chairman and Secretary of General Council." The last clause was inadvertently omitted. ✓

2. Page 6, where the Committee on the Recommendation of the Home Board about the W. G. is appointed, the following sentence should be added: "This Committee was also given the duty of defining the method of work for the W. G. Secretary approved by General Council." (See Article VI, b, page 4.) ✓

The following are the Committees of General Council:

1. The Nominating Committee was elected at the meeting and consists of Mrs. Webb, Chairman, Mrs. Coy, Mrs. Bennett.

By appointment of Chairman:

2. Committee on Westminster Guild, two separate actions as noted on page 6 of the Minutes being referred to it: Mrs. Bissland, Mrs. Coy, Mrs. Goss, Mrs. Waid, Miss Quinlan (Miss Ogg was an alternate and therefore cannot serve on this permanent Committee).

3. Committee on methods of work for Student Committee: Miss Hodge, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Waid, Mrs. Bissland.

4. Committee on Extension Department: Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Pinney, Miss Hyatt.

5. Committee to define Study Class, etc. Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Goss, Miss Quilan.

6. Committee on Per cent. of Increase: Miss Hyatt, Mrs. Pinney, Mrs. Waters.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

Secretary of General Council.

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November 14, 1916.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I am not waiting for your formal communication in regard to the Committees to send the notification about them, because I realize that a two-thirds vote is all that is necessary. I send you, as the representative of the Home Board, the same letter which I am sending to each of the Foreign Boards. The question about a called meeting is not in your letter but will you kindly get the opinion of your Board as to the necessity of having it? I am notifying each Chairman, giving her a list of her Committee and an extract from the Minutes as to the duties of that Committee, and asking her if possible to have a report ready for January in case we meet then.

I am looking forward with interest to see the final compilation of actions of Chicago Conference up-to-date, and will have them duplicated and sent as soon as possible.

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

November 17 1916

Miss Margaret E Hodge
319 South 41st Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Miss Hodge:

I am in receipt of your letter of November the thirteenth calling attention to changes in the Minutes of General Council and also giving lists of committees that have been appointed. I further note that you request that I secure from my Board an opinion as to a called meeting in January. This action will be taken on November the twenty-eighth but I know that I can forecast it sufficiently to be assured that we shall vote to have it.

I have finished the compilation of the Chicago Minutes but they are not yet copied. So soon as they are I will have a copy mailed to you and shall be glad if you can look them over and let me know at New York on Tuesday if there are any errors in them. I leave Tuesday night for the South. Mail can be sent me until December the eleventh with safety c/o The Normal and Colegiate Institute at Ashville, North Carolina, although I cannot guarantee that I shall get it with absolute promptness.

I have looked up the leaflet " oman's Missionary Societies versus The General Claims on the Church," and find we have about three thousand in stock. If your Board or any other of the Foreign Boards finds this useful would it not be best to simply secure from us such a number as you want and stamp them on the face where there is ample room with your stamp and possibly "endorsed by." I should think that possibly the number we now have would cover any demand there might be.

The "Standard of Excellence" I should think might be printed in quantity for the use of all the Boards although I suppose you have printed all you need for your own use. We shall now get some out for our use, I think.

Have I left undone anything that should be done between now and the time I leave for the South? Please do not hesitate to remind me. If I can get the Fall work straightened out I think I shall be able to keep things right, but just now we are pretty busy.

Believe me that I am

Most cordially yours,

MKB-SmB

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

Room 48, 509 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.
October 25, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

In a letter just received from Mrs. Waters she asks me to write you my understanding of the method of procedure regarding the notification of the Woman's Home Board of the expense of General Council meeting. It was voted that the secretary of General Council should also act as treasurer. That the treasurer of Central Committee should send to the treasurer of General Council a statement of expense of the representatives of the Foreign Boards to the General Council meeting. That the secretary of General Council should send a statement to the Woman's Home Board indicating their share in the expense of the meeting. Mrs. Wood is trying to get the expense accounts of our delegates, but writes me that she has not yet received all the accounts in proper shape. She will send a statement to Miss Hodge just as soon as possible.

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May I intrude another matter in this letter. Word comes to the Northwest Board that the Home Synodical President of Michigan understands that the Woman's Home Board is going to send the Council recommendations to all auxiliary organizations, and she has no responsibility regarding it. The Northwest Board sent the recommendations to all Synodical presidents, expecting them to send them down the line, and we feel that it should be done in this way. May I hear from you regarding it?

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs. L. M.) Alice Wood Coy.

Council Member of the Northwest Board.

LMC/MK

October 30 1916

Mrs L M Coy
Room 48 - 509 South Wabash Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs Coy:

Thank you for your explanation as to the expenses of General Council meeting.

You speak of a rumor that has reached you that the Home Synodical President of Michigan has said Council recommendations would be sent to local organizations directly from headquarters. There must be some misunderstanding, as Mrs Mitchell is very clear in regard to organization matters and she knows that it is not the custom to carry on the work in that way. We always send to the Synodical Presidents leaving to them the dissemination of information. The Woman's Board has not yet sent out any Council actions as we wished to be quite certain that there would be no changes made by any of the foreign boards. It is best for us not to send any word until we can send to all at once. In addition there has been such a pressure of work in connection with Synodical meetings that office work has not been kept up as we would wish it to be.

Believe me that I am

Most cordially yours,

MMB-SMB

126 Claremont Ave.
Dec. 28 1916.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
14th Dwight Place, Englewood N. J.
Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

As chairman of the committee to examine text-books of Mission Study Courses, Programme Meetings, I am writing to ask whether it was the intention, or understanding, in appointing the committee that these definitions should be so framed as to apply exclusively to the Mission Study text-book. In conference with two members of the committee I find she is inclined to such an interpretation. The Foreign Education Secretaries have a more elastic interpretation and in defining Reading Circle Programme Meetings, Literature, - are inclined to consider these forms of mission-study as preparatory to the more intensive study of the regular Mission Study Class. In all of these forms of study the text-books of the Assembly's and Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions are recommended for use preferably but are not mispresentations. In what is specified of the committee? The definition applying to the text-book only, or something more elastic?

With sincere regard and best wishes for a happy New Year,

Yours cordially,
(Mrs W. C.) Anna A. Brien

Tuesday Eve.

Dear Mrs. Bennett: —

As I was out when Mrs. McAfee phoned last week I did not receive her message quite correctly and rested very peaceably for several days under the supposition that Miss Allis had been elected Sec. for W. Guild. Hence the mantle has dropped rather heavily on me! To-day first as I am leaving town. According to your suggestion I shall endeavor to see Miss Allis. I tried to manage to start over to Phila. earlier to-day but it seemed rather of an

the thought of this new job which I fully expected would continue in Miss Allis' efficient hands.

Yours lovingly,

Jessie.

uncertainty of finding her. Will write her to make an appointment if possible on my return thru Alaska. I am sorry to leave to see Miss Allis before Miss Petrie but no other order is possible.

Your note is perfectly clear but some items in Miss Allis' notes give uncertainty. She speaks of the election to be ratified by the Boards before the dues. Takes up the duties & yet she sends list of matters to be attended to soon. Perhaps the rulings of General Council when sent out will clarify these matters. If so, that is all right but if they do not intimately, may I hear your ruling as to when my responsibilities begin. I suppose the next Field rules will tell about the editorship of the Bulletin.

I thought the election of officers & Executive Committee was to be at our January meeting & those elected to hold office until the close of the year following. It is to find for this list. It is to find for the year following.

I may be away at that time & learn of the actions of the meeting & the readiness of your successor, & you had better should have it in order.

At this particular time I am very much at the Eagles House Conference & shall be happy with a party of students & a lady chaperone & stay a day or two & put a few things in order. I shall be done that much & my address will be Y.W.C.A. Conference, Forest Dam, Eagles River, Pa.

Thanks for your advice. Will probably need it. I feel grateful for your